incentives/concessions like Central Investment Subsidy, Transport Subsidy, Concessional Finance etc. which have acted as a Catalyst in attracting industries to backward areas as would be evident from the following No. of Letters of Intent (LI), Industrial licences (IL) and DGTD Registrations as also the amount reimbursed under the Central subsidy and Transport subsidy.

Year	LI	% age	IL	%age	DGTD Regn.	% age
1983	664	62.94	317	29.49	1155	57.06
1984	627	58.93	323	35.69	1106	59.65
1985 (Jan-Sept)	578	52.12	348	43.72	651	57.66

Year	Central Subsidy & Transport subsidy
1983-84	53.20 Crores
1984-85	85.00 Crores
1985-86 (upto 30-11-85)	65.10 Crores

Thus it may be seen that the entrepreneurs are being encouraged to set UP industries in backward areas.

The Government has also drawn up a scheme to assist ths state Govts, for the development of infrastructure in each No Industry District. Under the scheme the Central Govt, provides assistance limited to l|3rd the total cost of infras-tructural development in one or more identified Growth Centres in each No Industry District subject to a maximum of Rs. 2 crores.

Bleak future of LPG cylinder manufacturing units

2122. SHRI MUKHTIAR SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that most of the LPG cylinder manufacturing units in the country are in dumps due to the short-sighted policies of Governmen t and that m'any of the LPG units are languish- ing, apparently with little possibility of diversification they face a bleak future; and

(b) if so whether Government oropose to help this Industry by purchasing the cylinders from the Indian manufacturing units so as to save tfhem and if not, what are the re'asons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA); (a) Since the installed capacity for cylinder manufacturing in the country is in excess of the requirement of the Oil Industry, the manufacturing units are not able to utilise their full capacity. Trie cylinder manufacturers have been apprised of the situation and some of them are already taking steps to diversify their items of production.

(b) Orders have been placed by the oil industry on indigenous manufacturers in respect of the cylinders reouired in 1985-86.